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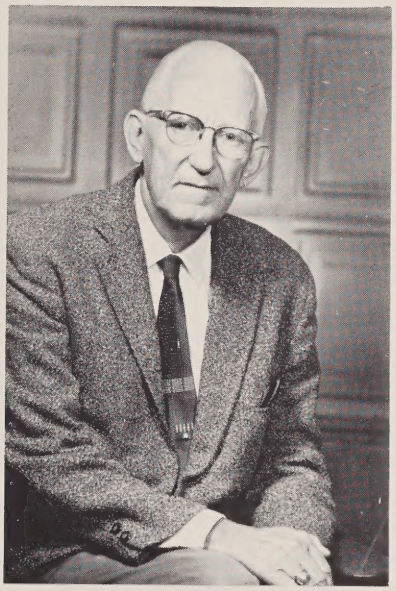

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Newly Elected Commander, New Bern Council of Kadosh No. 4

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NEW BERN LODGE OF PERFECTION NO. 6
MONDAY NIGHT, SEPTEMBER 8, 1969
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THE SCOTTISH RITE CREED

The cause of human progress is our cause, the enfranchisement of human thought our supreme wish, the freedom of human conscience our mission and the guarantee of equal rights to all peoples everywhere, the end of our contention.

Our New Commander

Richard D. Shinkle, 32°, K.C.C.H.

Our new Commander is one of the most indefatigable workers that we have and we are proud to present him in this new capacity. After retiring from Civil Service employment at Cherry Point, Brother Sherrod entered the ministry of the United Methodist Church. His assignments since that time have been on Ocracoke Island, Williston, and Beech Grove Church near New Bern, from which he was just recently transferred to the Church of Straits. Wherever he has gone he has carried not only the gospel of his Lord but he has also in a very fine way preached the gospel of Masonry. It is doubtful if any Brother has been more active in the Masonic vineyard than Brother Shinkle has.

Perhaps this statement can be adequately substiantiated in the fact that for three successful years he has been appointed as Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. This appointment has come in large measure because of the deep interest he has taken in widows of Master Masons who in their grief have received immeasurable consolation from letters written by Brother Shinkle.

His work has been recognized at least partially by the Scottish Rite when a few years ago he was invested with the rank and decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour.

We can look forward to a year of activity in the Council as Brother Shinkle assumes the reins of leadership.

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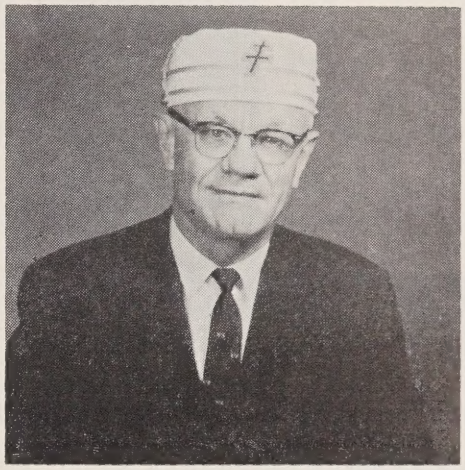


R. L. PUGH, 33°

After a lay-off during the summer months we are now ready to start activities with a vengeance to the end that our approaching Reunion on November 18, 19 and 20 will be the best ever! We have not been exactly idle during these warm months because we have made a great many contacts with our loyal workers and also with prospective candidates. We have sent tremendous amounts of literature to prospects in every county of our jurisdiction, and all indications now point to a wonderful Reunion.

The next class has been named "The Constitution Class" and we intend to feature the theme of loyalty to and support of the Constitution throughout the Reunion.

In addition, we are going to honor one of North Carolina's most outstanding Masons, a man who has given many years of his life to active service in the Craft, not only on the local level but also and more especially on the Grand Lodge level as well as in the Scottish Rite. We are referring to Brother Watson N. Sherrod, 33°, of Enfield, who for many years has served as Secretary of the Enfield Scottish Rite Bodies and who has been the dynamic force in keeping those Bodies moving forward. Brother Sherrod was also Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina and for a number of years was the very proficient Chairman of the Committee on Finance. He has also served on numerous other Grand Lodge Committees, boards and commissions. His contribution to Masonry has been most noteworthy and we honor ourselves in honoring him.

The Wednesday evening program at the banquet hour, 6:30 o'clock, November 19, 1969, has been designated as "The Watson Sherrod Night" and at that time we intend to express our appreciation to this "Grand Old Man of Masonry".

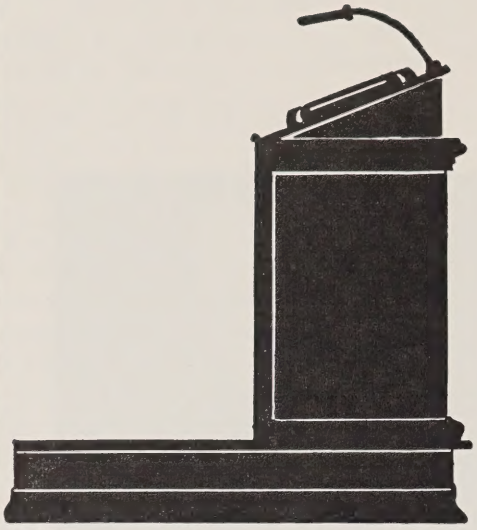
Thursday evening, November 20, 1969, at 5:45 o'clock, the banquet hour has been designated as "The Grand Master's Night". Our Grand Master, Most Worshipful William A. Hooks, 32°, of Smithfield and his lovely wife will be with us at that time. We also plan to have other Grand Lodge officers and their wives present for the occasion.

Plans, therefore, are now shaping up very nicely for the Reunion and we intend to be in contact with every area of our jurisdiction. We intend to make this the biggest and the best and we rejoice in the fact that we have a large number of faithful, loyal and energetic workers on whom we can depend to make this hope a reality.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

R. L. Pugh

Robert L. Pugh, 33°
Secretary



From The Classroom

BY EDWARD P. BLAIR, 33° CLASS LECTURER

The Uplifting Influence of Scottish Masonry

The mastery and the assimilation of the philosophy of Scottish Masonry, like every other desirable thing has a definite price which must be paid before the benefits may be enjoyed. We need at the outset of a new year to realize this important fact. Masonic effort is an investment and its reward is character and a more wholesome life. It is only as we study Scottish Masonry and try to comprehend its ideals that we really learn to love and appreciate what is being done in the various valleys.

Scottish Masonry does not tell any of its members how to think or what to believe. It simply places before every member the great principles of the Movement and asks that you and I, as its members, do the thinking. We are to make known our own election, our own choice, our own delegates. We are simply asked to adopt some kind of a philosophy by which to live. It is necessary to live a full and a happy life in order to make a success of ourselves; we cannot ignore our spiritual needs.

The value of Life is not just being alive; it is in the developing, the growing and the enlarging of the mind. It is in training the emotions, cultivating the appreciations, producing a personality and developing a Soul. It is in making our own existence a productive one, lifting one's self up into something of value to ourselves and to our fellow men. To accomplish these results a man must yield himself with a cooperative desire to the discipline of life, to make it our business to learn and to put into practice the lessons we have reached throughout the various degrees.

Thus the uplifting influence of Scottish Masonry can only come through us. We have within our own actions the power to lift its banners high or to let them remain as they are. We are today where our thoughts and actions brought us, likewise we will be tomorrow where those thoughts and actions take us. We can become as small as our controlling desires or as great as our dominating aspirations. The real uplifting influence of our Movement rests wholly within us; there can be no other way. In the year that lies ahead, let us exert every effort to hold high the tenets of our order and to live the type of life that was demonstrated for us; in doing so we will be uplifting the influence of Scottish Masonry and raising our own level of existence.

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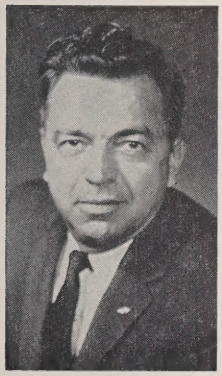
Bagpipe Skirls

Dear Brethren,

The bagpipe and I will not elaborate on the spectacular we have just witnessed on TV, for you saw it too. We doubt that many sets stayed on any longer than ours during the 32 hour coverage, however. All we have to say now is—wasn't man's trip to the moon the greatest fete of mankind that you ever witnessed? And — aren't there some great minds in this country of ours? Makes us feel little, doesn't it? But, all of us must use what we have the best we can.



What do we live for, if it is not to make life less difficult for others?

Blessed in the man who, having nothing to say, abstains from giving worldly evidence of the fact.

A little girl ran to her teacher and said, "Two boys are fighting in the schoolyard, and I think the one on the bottom wants to see you."

The elderly man was informed by his doctor, "Your hearing is getting worse—and you must cut out smoking, drinking, and women.

The oldster replied, "What! Just so I can hear a little better?"

The best cure for the body is to quiet the mind.

Remember that what you possess in this world will be found on the day of your death to belong to someone else. But what you are will be yours forever.

Two nurses were folding diapers in the maternity ward. One observed "I just can't believe that they're only 80% water."

Hillbilly: "Ira, quit point' that thar gun at your little brother. Hit might go off and kill one of them hawgs he's playing with."

One blessing in being poor, honest and hard working is that nobody envies you.

American tourist in France: "Waiter, bring me some of this—see, here on the menu."

Waiter: "Madam, the orchestra is playing it right now."

Friend: "I see you're trying coffee, Judge. Did you ever try gin and ginger ale?"

Judge: "No, but I've tried several fellows who have."

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And love—are never sold.
They are priceless things in life
For which no one can pay,
And the giver finds rich recompense
In giving them away.

Happy vacation to you all!

Your piper,
Paul Stevens

FLASH!!

Just before going to press, we received word of the appointment of one of our distinguished 32° Masons, Brother Warren Harding Coolidge, of Fayetteville, N. C., to the position of U. S. District Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina. The appointment was made by the President of the United States.

The membership of he Consistory join in an expression of gratification that the abilities of Brother Coolidge have been thus recognized and we wish him the greatest of success as he embarks upon his new duties.

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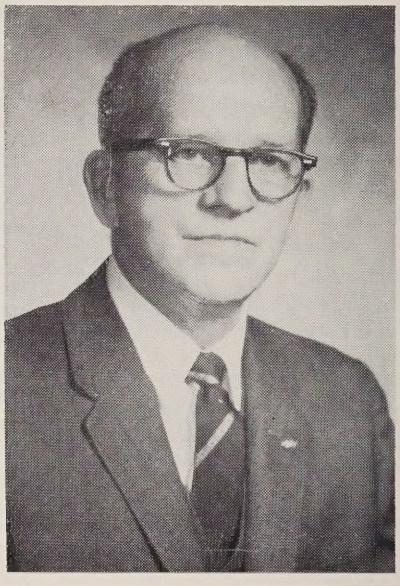

ILL. WILLIAM A. HOOKS, 32°
Grand Master, Grand Lodge of
North Carolina, A.F. & A.M.

Three days of moral and spiritual enlightenment emphasizing the Constitution of the United States as the bulwark of our freedom, and, in addition this reunion will honor two outstanding Masons:

1. Watson N. Sherrod, 33° and Past Grand Master, one of North Carolina's most beloved and distinguished Masons. We will honor this great Mason during the Banquet Hour, Wednesday evening, November 19 at 6:30 o'clock with an appropriate program for the occasion designated as "The Watson Sherrod Night".
2. Most Worshipful Brother William A. Hooks, Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina will be honored at the Banquet Hour, Thursday evening, November 20 at 6:00 o'clock, the concluding festive occasion of the greatest reunion ever and designated as "The Grand Master's Night".

Noted Scottish Rite Mason Elected to High Shrine Position

The Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of New Bern, Orient of North Carolina, are indeed happy and proud of a high honor that has recently come to one of its most beloved and distinguished members, Nelson B. Banks, 32°, K.C.C.H., and who has been serving, most effectively and efficiently, as Recorder of Sudan Temple, New Bern since August 1, 1960.

Brother Banks, during the 49th annual meeting of the Shrine Recorders Association of North America held in Seattle, Washington on June 30, 1969, was elected to the office of Third Vice-President of the Shrine Recorders Association. This association meets annually with the Imperial Shrine of North America when representative Shriners from all of the one hundred seventy Shrine Temples in North America are represented. This high honor, which comes in just recognition of the tremendous leadership potential of Brother Banks marks the beginning of his official service to this association because, under the normal advancement procedure of officers in the association, Brother Banks will be elected to the office of President four years from now.

Nelson B. Banks was born on April 17, 1917 in New Bern, North Carolina, the son of Ottis M. Banks, who is now deceased and Ella N. Banks. He attended the New Bern Public Schools and Penn State, State College, Pa., and N. C. State University, Raleigh, North Carolina for dairying and ice cream courses in the Animal Husbandry Division, for marketable skills to be used in connection with his employment by the Maola Ice Cream Company of Washington, North Carolina. He began his employment with this company in 1940 as production manager and later he was promoted to Vice-President and Manager which position he continued to hold until his resignation Aug. 1, 1960 when he was elected to serve as Recorder of Sudan Temple.

On June 1, 1946 he was married to the former Evelyn Lucille Moore of Choco-

Nelson B. Banks, 32°, K.C.C.H.
Recorder, Sudan Temple

winity, North Carolina. He has a son by a former marriage, Nelson, Jr., of Easley, South Carolina. The son also is a Master Mason, having been raised to the sublime degree in Berne Lodge No. 724, New Bern.

Brother Banks also saw service during World War II when as a member of the United States Army he was a Sergeant in the 32nd Red Arrow Infantry Division which participated in activites in the Pacific Theatre and also in Japan.

The subject of this sketch has also been active in many areas of life other than that of Masonry and it should be recognized as his natural characteristic that he always gave freely and unselfishly of his time and talents to whatever cause he had seen fit to serve. He was active in the Boy Scouts of America and his deep concern for the welfare of the youth of our land was manifested in his service in this organization as a Scout Master, as a District Commissioner, as a Camporee Chief for a period of three years, and as a District Chairman. His dedication to this activity led to his recognition by the Boy Scouts of America when it bestowed upon him the Silver Beaver Award from the East Carolina Council. He is also a member of the Methodist Church and has been very active in all phases of this church's activities. He has served as Lay Leader, as a Chairman of the Official Board for a period of three years, in which he continues to be a member and also as Chairman of Stewardship and Finance for a period of two years and as a Sunday School teacher.

He was requested to serve as a member of the New Bern Planning Board and he devoted himself to the activities of this useful service agency for a period of two

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years. He was also for two years a Director of the New Bern Housing Authority and is now a Director of the New Bern Savings and Loan Association.

Our beloved Brother was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Washington, North Carolina on May 2, 1950 when he began his membership in Orr Lodge No. 104. He began immediately to work in this Lodge and in 1956 his Brethren elected him to serve as their Master. He was also District Deputy Grand Master of the Third Masonic District for three years and the District over whose destinies he presided during that period of time was known as one of the best districts in North Carolina. When he moved to New Bern in 1960 he immediately became interested in instituting a new Lodge and in a very short while Berne Lodge No. 724 was instituted and chartered with Brother Banks as a Charter member and also as its first Master. In recognition of his service to this Lodge he was subsequently elected to a life membership therein. He has also served on many Grand Lodge committees and is a Certified Lecturer of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

Brother Banks joined the York Rite Bodies in Washington, North Carolina and while living there he served as High Priest of the Chapter, as Illustrious Master of the Council of Royal and Select Masters and as Commander of the Commandery. At present he is a member of the New Bern York Rite Bodies and in the Grand Commandery of the Grand York Rite Bodies he now holds the position of Grand Sword Bearer. He is a Past Sovereign of the Earl of Craven Allied Masonic Degrees, a Past Sovereign of the St. Titus Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine, and is also a member of the North Carolina College of the Society of Rosecrucians.

This distinguished Brother became a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason during the Fall Reunion of Nov. 1959 and as soon as he had achieved this distinction he began to demonstrate his customary interest and abilities in the service of the Scottish Rite. He began to take part in many of the degrees and now is Master of the seventeenth degree. He takes part in several degrees and has actually been known to memorize one of the major degrees for the sheer joy of memorizing. His service to the Scottish Rite was signally recognized by the Supreme Council in October 1967 when he was elected by that august body to be invested with the Rank and Decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour. In obtaining candidates for the various Reunion classes of the Scottish Rite, perhaps the New Bern Consistory has no more tireless or dedicated servant than Nelson Banks. He has been instrumental in persuading many a Master Mason to pursue his interest in Masonry by taking the beautiful degrees of the Scottish Rite.

He has also been honored with the Knight Cross of Honor and the Knight Templar, Cross of Honor. He has likewise been the recipient of quite a number of honorary memberships in various Blue Lodges in eastern North Carolina.

He now serves as Impresario of New Bern Court No. 145, Royal Order of Jesters, of which he is a Past Director. He is likewise a very active member of the New Bern Shrine Club.

The Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of New Bern are indeed proud of the honor that has came to one of its most dedicated servants and it confidently looks forward to that period, four years from now when his tremendous energies and vast abilities will express themselves in his leadership as President of the Shrine Recorders Association of North America.

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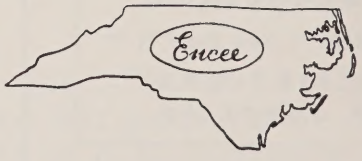

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By

Reynold S. Davenport, 33°

Vacations are over and everybody's back at work and paying the bills. I have one friend who couldn't get away from work for the extended vacation his family managed and so came under constant surveillance by the "Wives' Protective League" which operates with vigor in his community. Even before his family left town he was beseiged with dinner invitations from his wife's solicitous friends. He had to maintain a special calendar just to keep up with 'em. He graced a different table each night of his family's absence. For sure his wife knew where he was and what he was doing all the time. A right neat plan.

Some years ago a local family vacationed in the mountains and the young man of the family wanted his Boy Scout canteen filled from an honest-to-goodness waterfall. Pop wasn't too hepped on the drenching this operation promised and contrived a variety of excuses for passing up an equal variety of roadside waterfalls. Finally Mama decided the youngster had been put off long enough and she announced—in tones accurately calculated to sharpen Pop's awareness of his parental deficiencies—that she would herself fill the canteen at the next waterfall. This she did.

Despite the many gallons of water constantly tumbling down a waterfall, even a small one, it's no small trick to coax a pint of it into a half-inch opening. Mama stood on a rock just out from under the cascade and held the canteen outstretched in first one hand and then the other as it slowly, very slowly, filled. All the while an almost invisiible mist was insidiously and completely soaking every stitch Mama was wearing. When she same down off that rock she was carrying enough water in her clothing to fill a half-dozen canteens.

They were in some pretty wild looking country, so Mama went into a suitcase, dug out a complete change of clothing, and climbed off up the mountain to effect the change. As she climbed she looked constantly behind her so she would know when she was out of sight of the highway. When, finally, she felt she was completely hidden from passing traffic she began changing, all the while keeping an eye upon the path she had taken. Things went real well. No-one else came up the path. The dry clothing felt wonderful. She began picking up the wet garments and—bang! A screen door slammed—behind her. Startled and flabbergasted, she looked for the first time at the landscape farther up the mountain. Lo and behold, she had gone through her quick-change act right in somebody's front yard. She wasn't more than fifty yards from the front porch. Embarrassment and the law of gravity combined to bring Mama down that mountain a heck of a sight faster than she'd gone up it.

Since that day Mary Frances will jump everytime somebody slams a door behind her.

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St. John's Lodge No. 3, A.F.&A.M. of New Bern, North Carolina, has an ancient and honorable history, contributing to the progress of Masonry throughout the State. It has played a notable part also in providing leadership on the State-wide level for the Craft in a very significant manner, illustrated by the fact that four Grand Masters of Masons in North Carolina were elected to this august position at the time they were members of this Lodge. These four are: Alonzo Thomas Jerkins, Grand Master in 1850-51-52; Charles Cauthorn Clark, 1870-71; Harry Thomas Paterson, 1938; and Alfred Albrecht Kafer, Jr., 1967.

In Lowthrop Hall, the social room of St. John's No. 3, three of these Grand Masters had been honored with large portraits occupying a prominent place in the hall. The portrait of the fourth, Harry Thomas Paterson, was authorized by the Lodge and in an appropriate ceremony held Wednesday evening, May 14, 1969, was unveiled and placed in that portion of the hall reserved for its Grand Masters.

During the ceremony a paper on the life of Harry Thomas Paterson was presented, portions of which are thought to be of interest to Masons throughout our jurisdiction and for that purpose we are including the following:

HARRY THOMAS PATERSON

"Probably no Masonic Lodge in the entire world has a more outstanding record of long and distinguished service than has St. John's Lodge No. 3 of New Bern. Its leaders have been important in the religious, educational, patriotic, military, fraternal and industrial history of their town, state and nation. Surely their collective accomplishments through organization endeavors are worthy of a justifiable pride on the part of its members

Harry Thomas Paterson, P.G.M.

today.

This Lodge is perhaps the only one in the entire country to have been numbered one, two and three at different times. It is also likely the only one to have had the privilege of holding its meetings for some years in a palace, the local meetings of St. John's Lodge having been held in Tryon's Palace, North Carolina's first State Capitol, until the destruction of the Palace by fire in 1798.

Thus St. John's Lodge No. 3, with a long and honorable history meets this evening, in a continuation of its record of respect and reverence for those who have served it with commendable distinction, to unveil, to dedicate, and to present to the Lodge a portrait of one of its outstanding sons who not only served this Lodge as its Master in 1917 and again in 1926, but who was also called upon to enter into a field of broader Masonic service by serving the Masons of North Carolina as their Grand Master during the year 1938, Harry Thomas Paterson.

Most Worshipful Brother Paterson had been appointed to the Grand Lodge line as Grand Steward during the year 1929 by the then Grand Master John J. Phoenix. Each year thereafter he was advanced in the line of Grand Lodge officers and in 1938 when the Grand Lodge of North Carolina convened in its one hundred fifty-first Annual Communication in the Masonic Temple in Raleigh on Wednesday evening April 20th, he was installed as Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina.

Most Worshipful Brother Paterson was born in Newport, Kentucky on Sept. 7, 1874 and after graduation from high school in his native city he studied engineering from 1892 until 1895 at Rose Polytechnic Institute in Terre Haute, Indiana. Because of ill health, he was forced to leave school before he graduated but in 1897 he took a special course in engineering at the Missouri School of Mines at Rolla, Missouri.

For most of the period extending from 1896 until 1902 he lived in Colorado Springs, Colorado where he was employed with the City and County Engineers and with the Street Railway Company. Later in October, 1902 he entered the Government Service as an Assistant Engineer in

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the Reclamation Service and it was while he was engaged in this service that he made surveys along the Colorado river, traveling over two hundred miles along that stream in a row boat from a point near the present Boulder Dam to Yuma, Arizona.

After spending most of the winter of 1906-1907 in a tent camp in Montana with the thermometer frequently reaching thirty degrees below zero, he decided to seek a warmer climate and in July of 1907 he obtained a transfer to the United States Engineering Department with headquarters at Wilmington, North Carolina. His first assignment in North Carolina was the survey and construction of the Inland Waterway from Neuse River to Beaufort Harbor with headquarters at Beaufort. When that work was completed in 1910 he was placed in charge of all river and harbor work in the northern portion of the district with his headquarters at New Bern. Subsequently when the New Bern office was closed in 1932 he was recalled to the Wilmington office.

His Masonic career began when he was raised in El Paso Lodge No. 13 at Colorado Springs, Colorado on November 10, 1900 and he was appointed Steward the following year.

His concentrated Masonic activity began when he was stationed in Beaufort, North Carolina at which time he demitted to Franklin Lodge No. 109 and after his removal to New Bern he again demitted to St. John's Lodge No. 3 where he was elected Worshipful Master in 1917.

With the closing of the New Bern office of the United States Engineering Department in 1932, Brother Paterson was recalled to the Wilmington office and there he continued to reside until his death January 1, 1943 of a heart attack. He continued his membership in St. John's Lodge No. 3, however, throughout his career as a Grand Lodge officer and did not demit from the New Bern Lodge until February 28, 1940 to unite with St. John's Lodge No. 1 of Wilmington, two years after his year of administration as Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina in 1938.

That he was recognized as a great and good Mason is clearly brought out in the beautiful tribute paid him as recorded in the Proceedings of The Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

The tribute as recorded in those minutes provide a beautiful and a fitting testimonial to the powerful influence of this good man's life. Part of this tribute is as follows:

"As Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina in 1938, he set a very high standard of service for those who follow him, and his record is written in luminous letters for all to read.

"Harry Paterson never sought political office. He was content to devote his time and talent to Masonic work, and his passing has caused distinct loss to all branches of our Order.

"He was a loving husband, a kind father, a conscientious man possessing high ideals and sincere purposes, a man of deep religious convictions, sincere in his beliefs, devoted to his church, and interested in those movements which are for the elevation of his fellow men. Charting the course of his life with wisdom he pressed with unswerving determination to serve his fellows.

"We have never known a man who was more warmly attached to his real friends or who would make greater efforts to serve their best interest. He was not a man who would discard an old and proven friend in order to try and make a new one. He never deserted a friend or harbored malice. There was no sham or hypocricy about him.

And thus, another stalwart son of St. John's Lodge No. 3 passed into the Great Beyond, having wrought well and worthily in the quarries of Masonry."

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THOMAS BRADLEY BROWN, 33°

BORN: JULY 17, 1909 DIED: JUNE 8, 1969

Life never lost for you its lovely look;
You kept your interest in its thrilling book;
To you Death came no Conqueror; in the end—
You merely smiled to greet another friend!

Surely these words are appropriate for Thomas Bradley Brown, 33°. He never lost his zeal for life or his interest in those activities which make life a fascinating and thrilling experience. Furthermore, it can be truly said that Tom was not afraid to face death; to him it was another experience which had to come, and characteristically, his cheerful disposition remained in complete control as he came face to face with this last great adventure.

Thus it was with the life of Thomas Bradley Brown, 33°, a kind, lovable and sincere friend to everyone who knew him; honored, respected and loved by those who appreciated his contagious personality, his ability and his devotion to the Fraternity; a devoted husband and father. Tom passed away in Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill on a beautiful, peaceful Sunday in June, 1969, on the eighth day of that month and he would have been sixty years of age had he lived until his next birthday.

Masonry, in general, and the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry in particular, suffered a tremendous loss in Tom's passing because he was one of those rare and distinct personalities who drew people to him. Surely no man was ever possessed of a more kindly disposition, nor of a greater desire for fellowship than was Tom Brown. He loved to meet and to mingle with Masonic brethren. It can be safely said that he was never so happy as when he was in their presence. He was always the center of attraction during the Scottish Rite Reunions in New Bern. Proof of this is found in the fact that one never found Tom alone; there was always a group of Brethren surrounding him, listening to him and talking with him as he gave expression to the jovial and genial personality which he possessed in such an abundance.

Just so long, therefore, as there continues to bloom in our hearts that spark of gratitude and thanksgiving for those of our brethren who travel the path of life, making this world a little better place in which to live and helping to raise our standards of living to a higher plane, just so long will we servants of Freemasonry thank God for men like Tom Brown. God forbid that we should ever arrive at a point where we are no longer appreciative of the efforts of those who have gone before us. Let the day never come when our brethren will cease to provide suitable memorials for those members who have answered the final call. We do well, and we will continue to do well, when we set aside a memorial moment to contemplate in silent meditation the eternal values that have accrued to us through the efforts of our faithful departed brethren.

And so we pause to remember him, as he would pause to remember us, were he standing here and were we sleeping out there. We seek to honor Tom Brown, but in truth it is Tom Brown who honors us. We recall our association with him, the memory of which is a precious treasure. We recall his dedication to Masonry, his depth of character, his radiant personality and we realize that through his life and service there have been added many valuable contributions to our welfare. We miss him and feel a keen sense of loss in his departure; but as we review his contributions we realize that his life has not been lived in vain and that our lives have been made richer because he lived, and that his going has made the world poorer.

Tom was born in Kinston, North Carolina and was educated in the schools of that community, later attending Oglethorpe University in Atlanta, Ga. After a period of time in which he labored

as a candy manufacturer, he served in the United States Army with the rank of First Sergeant from 1926 until 1934. Then on September 17, 1934 he joined the State Highway Patrol. This became his life's work and he loved it in every respect. He had assignments in Washington, Plymouth, New Bern, Greenville, Fayetteville and in Raleigh and rose from the rank of Corporal in 1939 to that of Major in charge of Communications and Transportation in 1967. He remained in this position until the time of his death. During his service with the Patrol he attended and graduated from the Federal Bureau of Investigation Training Academy in 1959 and was called upon frequently to teach various subjects in Highway Patrol Basic Training and In-Service Schools from 1946 through the remainder of his career.

His interest in Masonry began in Plymouth where he was a member of Perseverance Lodge No. 59. It was while he was stationed there he began his climb up the official ladder and he was serving as one of the Wardens of that Lodge when he was transferred to New Bern. Tom never again had an opportunity to attempt service as an officer of the Lodge until his assignment in Fayetteville when he transferred his membership to John Huske Anderson Lodge No. 731 and was made Master of that Lodge. Another Masonic assignment which gave him a great deal of inward satisfaction was his appointment in 1967-1968 as District Deputy Grand Master of the 13th Masonic District.

Tom became a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies in New Bern during the Spring Reunion of 1944 when on April 27th of that year he was made a Thirty-second degree Mason. He immediately became active in the Scottish Rite and in a short while he was made a member of the Stage Crew in which he served as Assistant Director. His work in the Scottish Rite was of such immense value that on October 19, 1949 he was elected to receive the Rank and Decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour. His crowning achievement however came on October 22, 1963 when the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite elected him to be coronetted with the Rank and Dignity of Sovereign Grand Inspector General Honorary, or Thirty-Third degree. Tom was also an active member of the Shrine and on January 24, 1946 he was initiated into that Court as a member of Sudan Temple in New Bern.

Tom was a Methodist and was very active in the Haye Street Methodist Church of Fayetteville, serving as a member of the official board of this Church. He also was President of the Golden Rule Bible Class in the Sunday School Department of that Church. He was proud of his Church membership and manifested his interest in many ways. His funeral service was conducted from this church in which he had his membership, with two Methodist ministers, one of whom was Pastor of the Church when he was received into membership and who is now living in Raleigh and the other serving as Pastor at the time of the funeral, officiating. Interment was in Lafayette Memorial Park of Fayetteville with Masonic graveside rites conducted by his Lodge.

The inspiration of his life came in large measure from his beloved wife, Frances, a charming companion, who encouraged him in all worthy undertakings, and to whom he affectionately referred as "Baby". Frances was stricken with the same malady that proved fatal for Tom and for a while it was a question as to which of them would answer the call of the Grim Reaper first. Frances, however, survived him for a little over two months and on Sunday, August 24th, 1969, the same peaceful day of the week on which her husband had passed away, she followed him to be re-united with him in death.

Tom was not present at our last Scottish Rite Reunion as he always wanted to be. His final illness had begun to exact its toll and he was unable to mix once again with the Brethren and to enjoy the fellowship with them as he had always done. It was not long after this Reunion closed before we received word of Tom's passing. Surely as his soul went soaring into the presence of the Master, he must have been privileged to hear the blessed words, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter Thou into the joy of thy Lord."

And thus, Thomas Bradley Brown, 33°, having completed the Temple which he had been constructing, was called home to the Supreme Architect to receive the plaudits of the angels in Heaven. He had wrought well; he had left his imprint upon the hearts and lives of thousands of people in all walks and stations of life; he had multiplied himself a hundredfold in the lives that he touched. These things he must now leave behind him as living testimonials of his stewardship. In exchange for them, he would now accept "The incorruptible state of spiritual existence, the crown of eternal life, the robe of endless righteousness, and the everlasting source of God's love." '

Let us here, as Scottish Rite Masons in the Valley of New Bern, accept the priceless heritage he has bequeathed us as we firmly resolve that his exemplary life shall forever serve as a beacon light pointing out to us the course, which not to follow, involves only shipwreck and disaster. As we accept this heritage, may we also resolve that the noble work that he began and carried on so successfully shall be continued with renewed zeal and reaffirm our faith in God and in our fellow man. Let us in memory of Thomas Bradley Brown, reconsecrate our lives upon the Altar of Service, and from that Altar may we go out, recognizing in every man a Brother who has deep seated needs and who is appealing to us for help. This would be the message from the heart and lips of this man whose life's monument is erected in the imperishable tablets of love and memory of every one of us who knew him and who loved him.

ROBERT L. PUGH, 33°

"With Mouth To Ear"

BY CLYDE McCARVER, 32°, K.C.C.H.

The Sound of the Trumpet

The trumpet has been an instrument, through all ages, to stir men to action. Reference is often made to this instrument in the Great Light of Masonry. Behold it sounds for the call today!

Without the least feeling of pessimism, one faces the fact that there has never been a time when the outlook on religious life has been less optomistic! There has never been a time in our generation when, from so many quarters, there have come more positive indications that not only religion but all that religion has taught to be worth possessing was being attacked and called into question! It would seem that in the midst of such upheaval as we have experienced in our short day there would be a great rallying to taking our teaching more seriously!

For too long we have played and toyed with our moral and religious teaching—semingly not realizing that the teachings of Masonry is a dynamic force and therefore liable to challenge the political ideals, the economic systems and the social standards of every nation. Those who would question our Craft know more about the potential power of the individual than we seem to show! In this respect, the children of the darkness seem to be wiser than some of the men of the light!

It is true that many still pay lip service to our Morals and Dogmas. There has tended to be much masonic talk—but, often there is a lack of masonry in our talk. Too much satisfaction is taken in our traditional background of respectability. The question before the house is this: "Is our heart in it?" There are many beautiful houses that have never become homes. Outward appearances can cover the "raving wolves" within!

Masonry has been committed and entrusted with the sacred task of preserving the faith. There are some things which can be preserved by keeping them bottled up. The faith committed to Masonry deterioriates when thus treated. It loses its' luster and becomes anaemic. It loses its' flavor and becomes incipid. It loses its texture and fails when tested. A "bottled up faith" has no relevance to the needs of this Century.

To whom much is given, of him is much required. (Who has been given more insight than he who knelt at our sacred altars?) It is time we were awakened by the trumpet! Morals have been reduced to the level of feeling and

Rev. Clyde G. McCarver, 32°, K.C.C.H.

passion has sway over priority. Daring "smash and grap" methods are being refined today—but the same results are achieved by wire-pulling—and we call it cleverness! Dishonesty is no longer denounced as a vice. It is hailed as good business if it has returns of dividends. Selfishness is not an enemy which we seek to destroy today. It has become the very foundation stone on which many are now building their lives. The tragic truth is that it is into this state that thousands have been born and they are ignorant of the danger that confronts them. Let Masonry sound her trumpet that the people be warned!

Oft times the trumpet is used to call the men back to re-group and review the position and take stock of the weapons being used. It is high time that we who dare to call ourselves Scottish Rite Masons made up our minds whether the things we have professed to believe are really vital beliefs. Whether there is a power in our assembling and reviewing our lessons—this is the question! Do we believe that the power of Almighty God can, and ought to be, operative in our life? Do we believe this enough to make us determined to do something that these truths may be known to all? We desperately need to believe so deeply that we find ourselves held by the vice-like conviction—possessed by a terrific faith which becomes operative and compulsive in our life. We need to have a vital Masonry in the midst of this world's needs.

Brethren, is this not our trouble? Have we not been guilty of losing the conviction of the vitality of living masonry? We all agree that Masonry is beautiful—but let us never lose sight of the fact that Masonry is a system of morality. It may just be that we have not convinced the world that we really believe that and live it! There is need today of a pagaentry. There is need for a system of Dogma. Yet, it is not a copy of our creed and dogma that we the world needs? It needs to see what these things have wrought in your life and mine.

We must learn that the Temple is built when we live as true Craftsmen of that Temple. There must be a sincere brotherly love. There must be a simple—yet profound—sincerity in our every action and word. Sincerity is the foundation of character. It is not something one puts on for special occasions. Sincerity is truth revealed in thought, for no action can be sincere unless truth be ever present.

One more note is to be sounded on the trumpet—but not yet! It is the final triumph. That note will one day be sound. ed. Just when, we cannot tell, but each can help to bring that day nearer. Every act of kindness, every generous word, every firm refusal to compromise, every "yes" to truth and every "no" to falsehood—all these help to hasten forward the day when the Temple will be completed and the Great Architect shall pronounce his "well done . . . enter into the joys of thy Lord." Until that day, set the trumpet to your lips . . . Sound forth its' clarion call . . . Be faithful unto death. In the sign of the Cross conquer! Lo, He goes with you!

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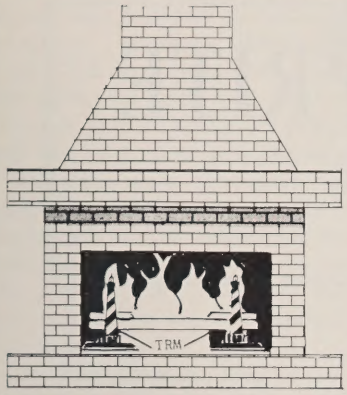
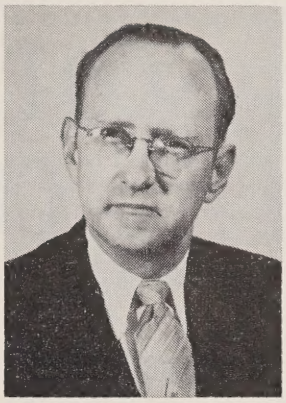


HEARTHSIDE CHATS

By

Tom MacRae, 32°



Many members of our order, along with others in the Blue Lodge, York Rite and Shrine, are attempting to avoid traffic citations by "letting the officer know" they are brothers in the same fraternity.

The Grand Lodge of North Carolina has (wisely, we think) forbidden the display of Masonic insignia on automobiles. While this serves a useful purpose, some critics point out that Masons in North Carolina can obtain a "special" license plate which identifies them as Masons.

The Grand Lodges in some other states permit the display of Masonic emblems on motor vehicles. Near military bases the display of the Masonic insignia is evident on numerous vehicles. Most of these cars, or course, do not have North Carolina license plates.

"I don't wear my Masonic ring when I'm on duty," one state trooper told this writer. "When I stop a speeder and he lets me know real fast that he's a Mason and I should let him go, I see red."

The purchasing agent for one of the state's largest drug stores has also quit wearing Masonic jewelry. His explanation: "When a salesman comes in and sees that I'm a Mason, he lets me know HE is one and says that I should buy from him. I can do a better job if he doesn't know that I'm a Mason."

There are, of course, exceptions. Several years ago we were riding with a state trooper who had clocked a speeding motorist at 80 miles per hour. He stopped the car, talked with the driver, returned to the patrol car and began muttering:

"I didn't give him a ticket. He is the police chief of ..... and said that he had an 'emergency call' to return there at once. I know that he was not telling the truth, but at least he didn't wave his Masonic credentials in my face—and I know that he's a Mason."

All Master Masons and others who have gone higher in our fraternity should regard their jewelry in its true light . . . and that is not a license to break the law merely because the officer happens to be a member.

D. Livingstone Stallings, 32° Signally Honored

The Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of New Bern always take a keen delight in directing attention to those of its membership who have rendered such outstanding service for the public that they have been recognized for the leadership ability they have exhibited.

Once again our Bodies can lay claim to significant achievement on the part of one of its outstanding members, the Honorable and Brother, D. Livingstone Stallings, 32°, of New Bern, North Carolina. Brother Stallings has given many years of his life to the field of public service and during the latter part of the month of July in 1969 when the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners held their annual meeting in Asheville, Brother Stallings was elected and was installed as President of that Association, to serve during the year 1969-1970. Our distinguished Brother had begun his climb to the Presidency of this important organizaton in 1967 when he was elected to the position of second Vice-President. During the following year he was installed as the first Vice-President and this placed him in line to be elected and to be installed as President of the Association for this term.

Livingstone Stallings was no stranger

D. Livingstone Stallings, 32°

to the work and the responsibilities of County Commissioners because he had been elected as a member of the Craven County Board of Commissioners of November 1962 and at the initial meeting of that group of official representatives he was named as the Chairman. He has served as the Chairman of this Board ever since and has rendered distinguished and recognized service in this capacity.

Brother Stallings is not the type of man to take his membership in any organization lightly. He feels that if the organization is worthy of his becoming a member then by the same token it is worthy of his contributing from his vast reservoir of potentiality to the objectives of that organization. This attitude has been his donimating motivation in a number of organizations and associations in which he has been privileged to have his membership.

As a member of the Civitan Club for example, he has served as a Past President of the New Bern Club and also as Past Lieut. Governor and Past Deputy Governor of the North Carolina District of Civitan International. He is also a Past Campaign Director of the United

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Fund and in 1961 he was named "Citizen of the Year," an honor which he justly deserved.

This distinguished public servant is a member of Doric Lodge No. 568 and during the Scottish Rite Reunion which concluded on Nov. 15, 1951 he was made a 32° Mason. His interest in Masonry has continued to this day and he values his membership in the Fraternity. He is a Presbyterian, a member of the West New Bern Presbyterian Church where he is now serving as Clerk of the Session and where he also renders a service as teacher of the Men's Bible Class.

Livingstone is married to Evelyn R. Stallings and they have two sons, Joseph, who is a Morehead scholar at the University of North Carolina and Dan who is associated with his father in the insurance business. There are two daughters, Carolyn S. Humphrey who is a junior at East Carolina University at Greenville and Sandra S. Mills who is employed by the Eastern Engineering Company in New Bern.

It is not the intent of this article to give a complete biography of our distinguished Mason. To do so would require much more space than is available. It is our purpose merely to direct attention of Scottish Rite Masons everywhere to the significant service one of its sons has rendered and to express our deep and sincere appreciation to Livingstone Stallings for his commendable concept of public service. To him we say, "Congratulations on a job well done. Scottish Rite Masons are proud of you and of the manner in which you are representing Masonry not only in the field of your chosen vocation but even more so in the vast and broader field of public service. It is our fervent prayer that the area of your service as a knightly servant of the common good may continue to expand."

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The "Albert Pike Scottish Rite Club" held their regular meeting Monday night July 7, 1969. A steak dinner was enjoyed at "Tetterton's Restaurant." Every effort was made to impress on every member present, the importance of each individual exercising his ability during these summer months, to show his interest in Scottish Rite Masonry. The seed we sow during the summer well nurtured will determine the kind of harvest we will gather this fall. We are hopeful that we can look back on our efforts, and be thankful for an abundant harvest.

Our next meeting will be at Tetterton's Restaurant, Sept. 1, 1969 at 7:00 P.M. All members are invited to come and bring their wives.

The religious faith taught by Masonry is indispensible to the attainment of the great aims of life; and must therefore have been designed to be a part of it. We are made for this faith; and there must be something, somewhere, for us to believe in. We cannot grow healthfully, nor live happily, without it. It is therefore true.

The principles upon which our country was founded are being eroded slowly but surely. We are substituting materialistic values for spiritual values, the moral standards of what is right and what's wrong are being discarded and in their stead, we are establishing codes of ethics that, if followed, can only render us impotent as a people and as a nation.

In the first place we must recover our ethical ideals. Men are truthful, honest, just, fair, honorable, kind and generous only when their lives are dominated by loyalty to the high moral principles which we attribute to God. If there is no God and no moral law, then the most important thing in the world for each one of us is the gratification of our own desires, lusts and ambitions. If that is the basis of society, then the strong quickly find ways of oppressing the weak, tyranny reigns, and we have a master and slave relationship. On the other hand, when a man's religious faith leads him to believe in and to honor God and to accept the high ethical principles which he believes are the will of God, the innate selfishness within him will become subordinate to his religious faith, and the ideals we have just spoken of will govern his life. This faith and this loyalty are the basis of free self-government and economic well being. Men cannot be free unless they have respect and regard for one another, and they cannot be economically prosperous unless they are free.

And, finally the Mason should be humble and modest toward God and not impugn His Wisdom, nor set up his own imperfect sense of right against His Providence and dispensations, nor attempt to rashly explore the Mysteries of God's Infinite Essence and inscrutable plans, and of that great nature which we are not made capable to understand; but, evermore, standing humbly and reverently upon the earth and looking with awe and confidence toward Heaven, let him be satisfied that there is a real God; a person and not a formula; a Father and a protector, who loves, and sympathizes, and compassionates; and that the eternal ways by which He rules the world are infinitely wise, no matter how far they may be above the feeble comprehension and limited vision of man.

Every Scottish Rite Mason will find in the rite what Masonry at first was meant to be, a Teacher of great truths, inspired by an upright and enlightened reason, a firm and constant wisdom, and an affectionate and liberal philanthropy.

Wilmer C. Chesson,
Secretary

Beaufort County Scottish Rite Club

The Beaufort County Scottish Rite Club held its regular meeting on the banks of the Pamlico River today. Brother Eddie Jackson and his wife Inez were host and hostess. The Jacksons have a lovely summer home with spacious lawn and ample parking.

A hamburger cook-out with all of the extras was enjoyed by about twenty-six members. Brothers Henry Jones and Vance Smith were in charge of all of the arrangements and food. The club paid the cost of this affair, all that any member had to furnish was his appetite.

After the meal, the ladies had a social gathering on the patio and the men journeyed out on their pier for a little meeting. The breeze was so strong that the secretary did not carry any records out on the pier for fear something might get blown away.

Brother Chester Elks gave a short prayer.

The secretary announced that the minutes could be read from the Bagpipe.

This being the last meeting of this season, there was much discussion about meeting in the Fall. Many suggestions were offered with a good bit of enthusiasm.

Brothers Vance Smith invited us to meet at the Beaufort County Police Officers Club on Tranters Creek October 5, 1969. This will be a regular steak cookout with each member bringing his own steak and the club furnishing everything else.

There was no further business so the men rejoined the ladies and a very enjoyable social hour was spent together.

Brothers Eddie Jackson and Willie Gray Hodges had as their guest, their grand-daughters.

President Vance Smith presided and all left about nine P.M. There being no further business the meeting adjourned until October 5, 1969 at the Beaufort County Police Officers Club on Tranters Creek just off of Highway 33. The meeting will be at 6 P.M.

Ashley G. Leggett,
Secretary

Martin County Scottish Rite Club

The Martin County Scottish Rite Club held its regular meeting at the Shamrock Restaurant in Williamston on June 4, 1969. The meeting opened with President P. C. Bryant presiding and Brother Ben Hopkins giving the Invocation. The club is very happy to have two new members join them, Brothers Ben Hopkins and David Minshew, and hope we will have several more in the near future.

There was a small discussion on several subjects and what to do about them in the future.

President Bryant informed the Club he would not be present at our next meeting, due to the fact he would be in school. There being no further business the meeting adjourned. Our next meeting will be at Your Restaurant in Robersonville, N. C., July 2, 1969 at 7:30 P.M.

King Leggett,
Secretary

Perquimans County Scottish Rite Club

On Friday evening, June 20, 1969, twenty members of the Perquimans County Scottish Rite Club staged their cookout charcoal steak party at the New Hope Community Building, where some of the most enjoyable and delicious steaks were prepared and served by those New Hope boys who always come up to our expectations in both eats and a good time; these honors would certainly go to the following: Bob Spivey, Carson Spivey, Sr., Tuck Webb, Horace Webb, Matt Spivey, Jr., James G. White, John Q. White, D. J. White, Shelton Morgan, R. C. Wilson, and all the others present pitched in and gave a helping hand in any way they could to make the party enjoyable and successful. Prospects and possibilities were considered.

This is an advance notice of our ladies' night cook-out party for September 5th, and at which time we hope to be honored by the presence of several of our New Bern brethren and their ladies, to which you will get due and timely notice; also we are expecting to have present at that time several prospects and their ladies—as the interpreters are revealing.

Pitt County Scottish Rite Club

Like all good things that have to come to an end, the summer season and vacations have come to an end for this year and everyone is beginning to make plans for the fall season and the activities that come with that time of the year.

The members of the consistory and the various Scottish Rite clubs have been enjoying the vacation season and are now beginning to be thinking of the fall reunion which is just around the corner. It is the desire, I am sure, of all the various clubs to have a large and enthusiastical class this fall.

The Pitt County Scottish Rite Club is no exception and they are making plans to have a goodly number of candidates this fall. We have already scheduled the first meeting of the fall for Friday night, August 29th, at the Silo Grill. We are hoping to have a good number of our members present and get a list of all prospective candidates in the hands of the members to contact and have them present at our September meeting.

If all the members of the various clubs will put forth a little extra effort we can have the largest class in the history of the consistory. Lets all determine to make this the best reunion- yet.

Wilson County Scottish Rite Club

The regular monthly meeting of the Wilson County Scottish Rite Club was held Wednesday, July 2, at the Barbecue Barn. Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m., preceded by supper at 7 p.m.

The Invocation was given by the Chaplain Bro. D. M. Harrell.

The President called attention to the fact that our new lodge was progressing nicely, and we hope to be in it before the year is out.

He also made an appeal to the members present to work toward setting up a Demolay Chapter for the boys by the time our new lodge is completed.

Plans were formulated for our Scottish Rite Ladies Nite Party. The date is Oct. 1, 1969 in Cherry Hotel. You will be notified more fully in the near future.

D. M. Harrell,
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Possessing them our hearts re-live,
And so — when separation comes,
To bring us bitter loss,
Our memories are precious gifts,
To help bear the cross.

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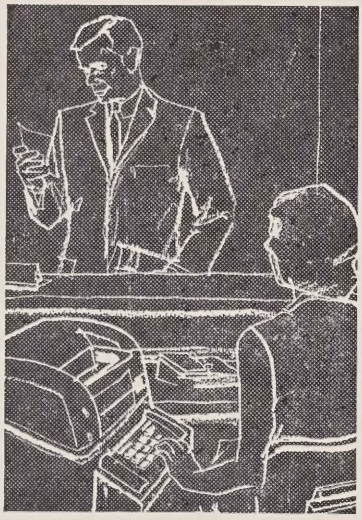

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